were received from Indian as well as foreign firms. After careful consideration and taking into account the price quoted availability of soft loan and maximum involvement of Indian parties in the project, a contract was awarded to a French firm.

Retired officials representin business interests

3727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether retired officials are allowed to offer their services in any manner for development of business interests in fields where they worked earlier;

(b) whether Government are aware that retired officials from fisheries represent business interests·

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that conflict of interests do not occur; and

(d) what is the number of retired fisheries officials associated with firms etc. who have applied for permits and licences from Government for fishing activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Retired officials are allowed to accept commercial employment with prior permission if they wish so before the expiry of two years from thee date of retirement. No permission is required for taking up commercial employement after a period of two years from the date of retireent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Application for commercial employment from retired Government official is examined with reference to certain prescribed factors detailed in Rule 10 of the Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 as amended from time to time. one of which is to ensure that the retired official's interest should not be in conflict with those of the Government.

(d) Three.

धान का वसूली मूल्य

3728. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हाल ही में पिछले वर्ष के विपणन मौसम की तुलना में 1987-88 के लिए धान के वसूली मूल्य में 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल की बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा की है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस वर्ष सूखे की स्थिति के कारण खेती की लागत में बढ़ौतरी हुई है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केवल 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल वसूली मूल्य बढ़ाये जाने का क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों, राज्य सरकारों, केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों तथा योजना आयोग के विचारों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, धान सहित विभिन्न कृषि जिंसों के लिए वसूली/समर्थन मूल्यो को निर्धारित करती है । कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग अपनी सिफारिशों को तैयार करते समय संबंधित जिंस के उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धि सहित अनेक पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखता है ।

United Nations Resolution on shelter for Homeless

3729. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1987 is being observed as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

(b) what are the salient features of the United Nations' Resolution in this regard;

(c) what steps Government have taken to fulfil the objectives contained in this Resolution;

(d) whether any guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The United Nations General Assembly by a resoultion, in its 37th Session, declared the year 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless The objectives of the IYSH are:

(i) to improve the shelter and neighbourhoods of some of the poor by 1987; and

(ii) to demonstrate ways and means of improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of all the poor by 2000 A D.

(c) to (e)

(i) The State Governments/Union Territory Admns. have been advised to constitute State level Committees and designate State/U.T. level focal points. They have been advised to carefully monitor the existing programmes. An I.Y.S.H. Apex Committee has been set up at the national level to ensure a coordinated approach in programme formulation and implementation of various shelter programmes under I Y.S. H.

(ii) All State Govts./U.T. Admns. have been requested to declare at least one of their projects as the State Demonstration Project. They have also been asked to identify target groups, select programmes for IYSH and earmark resources for the implementation of the projects.

(iii) Points 14 and 15 of the 20-Point Programme vis. relating to the allotment of house-sites and provision of construction assistance to landless workers in rural areas. environmental improvement of slums and housing schemes for economically weaker sections of society have been designated as the National construction Projects under I Y.S.H.

Drinking water scarcity in Madhya Pradesh

3730. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central team was sent for evaluation of drinking water scarcity conditions in Madhya Pradesh, if so, what are its recommendations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State of Madhya Pradesh submitted proposal costing Rs. 106 50 crores for combating drinking water scarcity and what amount has been given as aid uptill now; and

(c) whether Government propose to give further financial assistance if so, how much and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A Central team visited the State during September, 1987. The Central team recommended assistance to the tune of Rs, 528 lakhs for urban water supply.

(b) The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh furnished a memorandum to the Govt. of India in August, 1987 seeking Central assistance for taking relief measures in the drought affected areas. Besides, assistance for other items financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 34.60 crores was sought for implementation of various measures to meet the drinking water scarcity in urban areas upto upto June, 1988. The Govt. of India has sanctioned a ceiling of